

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:
 - (a) an extract from the fruit of *Schisandra chinensis* produced by a process comprising supercritical solvent extraction; and
 - (b) at least one cosmetic auxiliary and/or cosmetic additive selected from the group consisting of oil bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils, dyes, and combinations thereof.
2. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the extract comprises schizandrin, deoxyschizandrin, schisandrin C, gomisin A, gomisin N, pregomisin, and nordihydroguaiaretic acid.
3. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, incorporated into a cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical preparation.
4. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, incorporated into a pharmaceutical preparation for treating human skin for UV-A radiation damage or for inhibiting melanin synthesis.

5. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:
 - (a) a component extracted by supercritical solvent extraction from the fruit of *Schisandra chinensis* selected from the group consisting of schizandrin, deoxyschizandrin, schisandrin C, gomisin A, gomisin N, pregomisin, and nordihydroguaiaretic acid; and
 - (b) at least one cosmetic auxiliary and/or cosmetic additive selected from the group consisting of oil bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils, dyes, and combinations thereof.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 5, incorporated into a cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical preparation.
8. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 5, incorporated into a pharmaceutical preparation for treating human skin for UV-A radiation damage or for inhibiting melanin synthesis.
9. (Withdrawn) A process for producing an extract from the fruit of *Schisandra chinensis*, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) extracting of the fruit of *Schisandra chinensis* with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, esters, hydrocarbons, ketones, halogenated hydrocarbons and supercritical fluids to obtain a mixture comprising the extract and the solvent; and
 - (b) removing the solvent from the mixture.
10. (Withdrawn) The process according to Claim 9, wherein the supercritical fluid is carbon dioxide.

11. (Withdrawn) The process according to Claim 9, wherein the extract is purified by fractionation.
12. (New) A method of protecting human skin from the effects of ageing and/or reversing the effects of ageing in human skin so affected, comprising applying to the skin a composition comprising a supercritical solvent extract of the fruit of *Schisandra chinensis*.
13. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein said supercritical solvent extract is obtained by a process comprising the steps of:
 - (a) extracting the fruit of *Schisandra chinensis* with supercritical carbon dioxide to form a mixture; and,
 - (b) removing said supercritical carbon dioxide from said mixture to form said extract.
14. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein said composition further comprises at least one cosmetic auxiliary and/or cosmetic additive.
15. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said at least one cosmetic auxiliary and/or cosmetic additive is selected from the group consisting of oil bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils, dyes, and combinations thereof.